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**Public Utilities Commission to Hold Statewide
Public Hearings on the Request of Young Brothers, Ltd.
for Approval of a General Rate Increase,
Rate Restructuring, Fuel Price Adjustment Clause,
and Other Tariff Changes**

The Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") announces that it will hold statewide public hearings relating to the application of YOUNG BROTHERS, LIMITED ("YB"), filed on December 15, 2006, for approval of a general rate increase, rate restructuring, fuel price adjustment clause, and other tariff changes. The public hearings will be held as follows:

February 13, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
McKinley High School Cafeteria
1039 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI

February 14, 2007, 5:30 p.m.
Hilo High School Cafeteria
556 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, HI

February 15, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Kealahou Intermediate School Cafeteria
74-5062 Onipa'a Street
Kona, HI

February 27, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Lihue Neighborhood Center
(Old Side – Dining Area)
3353 Eono Street
Lihue, Kauai, HI

February 28, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Maui Waena Intermediate School Cafeteria
795 Onehee Avenue
Kahului, Maui, HI

March 1, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Mitchell Pauole Center Conference Room
90 Ainoa Street
Kaunakakai, Molokai, HI

March 2, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Lanai High & Elementary School Cafeteria
555 Fraser Avenue
Lanai City, Lanai, HI

YB seeks the Commission's approval of an average, overall rate increase of 10.7 percent for certain types of cargo, based on a 2007 calendar test year and a proposed rate of return of 10.84 percent for its intrastate water carrier operations. For the specific cargo types, YB is proposing rate increases ranging from 0 to 24 percent:

Specific Examples:

Dry containers and non-automobile roll on/roll off cargo	No increase
Refrigerated containers (reefers), automobiles, straight load flat racks and platforms	5.6% increase
Less than container load cargo, including dry and refrigerated pallets, dry and refrigerated mix cargo, and G-vans	24% increase

In essence, YB proposes to restructure its rates to move toward compensatory pricing.

As part of its application, YB also proposes to establish: (1) an automatic fuel price adjustment clause if the price of diesel fuel increases or decreases by \$0.15 above or below the per-gallon base level; and (2) a minimum charge for platforms. In addition, YB proposes certain changes to its tariff language, including revisions to the definitions of "automobile" and "island agricultural products."

The Commission will investigate whether the proposals contained in YB's application are just and reasonable. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing to state their views orally, in writing, or both. Written statements may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. Statements may be mailed to the Public Utilities Commission, 465 South King Street, Room 103, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813. Statements may also be sent by electronic mail to the Commission's e-mail address at Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov. All written statements should reference Docket No. 2006-0396 and include the following information: (1) name of the person submitting the written statement; (2) organization the person submitting the written statement represents (if any); and (3) address of the person submitting the written statement.

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c: Young Brothers, Ltd.
Division of Consumer Advocacy